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PRODUCTION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1986/87

WHEAT: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 527.9 million tons, up 5.4 million or 1 percent from last month and up 6 percent from the 1985/86 harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o **USSR** — Production is estimated at 92.3 million tons (as stated in the Soviet Plan Fulfillment Report, January 1987), up 5.3 million or 6 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. The increase reflects higher estimated yields.

- o **South Africa** — Production is estimated at 2.3 million tons, up 0.2 million or 7 percent from last month and up 36 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to favorable weather resulting in higher estimated yield.

- o **Pakistan** — Production is estimated at a record 13.9 million tons, up 0.1 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 19 percent from last year. The increase is primarily attributed to higher estimated yield due to increased fertilizer use and very favorable rainfall over most of the growing season.

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- o **Argentina** — Production is estimated at 9.0 million tons, down 0.2 million or 2 percent from last month, but up 6 percent from last year's weather-reduced crop. The decline is due to slightly lower estimated area and yield. Harvested area has declined by one-third during the last 4 years and is at the lowest level since 1979/80.

COARSE GRAINS: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 835.8 million tons, down 2.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and down 1 percent from the record 1985/86 harvest. Important changes from a month ago include the following:

- o **USSR** — Production is estimated at 103.3 million tons, down 4.7 million or 4 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from last year's crop. The production decrease is attributed to yield revisions in oats, barley, rye, and corn.

- o **Argentina** — Production is estimated at 15.9 million tons, down 0.9 million or 5 percent from last month and down 7 percent from last year. The decline is primarily attributed to lower estimated corn and sorghum area. Hot weather also has reduced expected yield.

- o **Brazil** — Production is estimated at a record 24.6 million tons, up 1.5 million or 7 percent from last month and up 19 percent from last year's drought-reduced harvest. The increase is due to an upward revision in estimated corn area and improved yield prospects.

- o **Eastern Europe** — Production is estimated at 73.6 million tons, up 1.4 million or 2 percent from last month and up 8 percent from last year. The increase is attributed to higher estimated corn production in Hungary.

- o **South Africa** — Production is estimated at 10.5 million tons, up 0.5 million or 5 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. Favorable rains in the northern and eastern maize triangle have boosted corn yield prospects.

RICE (MILLED-BASIS): World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 318.4 million tons, virtually unchanged from last month and down less than 1 percent from last year's record harvest. No significant changes have occurred since last month.

OILSEEDS: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 195.9 million tons, up 0.7 million or less than 1 percent from last month, but virtually unchanged from last year's output. U.S. production is estimated at 61.3 million tons, unchanged from last month, but down 6 percent from last year. Foreign production is estimated at a record 134.6 million tons, up 0.7 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

* Soybeans: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 98.9 million tons, up 0.2 million or less than 1 percent from last month and up 2 percent from last year. A significant change from last month is the following:

  o Brazil — Production is estimated at 16.5 million tons, up 0.3 million or 2 percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Recent general rains have improved yield prospects, particularly in the south. FAS field travel in Rio Grande do Sul and Parana indicated good crop conditions. Most of the crop is flowering and setting pods. Adequate moisture is essential during the next 4-6 weeks to ensure good final yields.

* Cottonseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 26.7 million tons, up marginally from last month, but down 12 percent from last year.

* Peanuts: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 20.5 million tons, up 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month, but essentially unchanged from a year ago. A significant change from last month is the following:

  o Senegal — Production is estimated at 0.7 million tons, up 0.2 million or 40 percent from last month and up 19 percent from last year. The increase is mainly due to higher estimated yields. Unfavorably dry weather in July and early August initially dimmed production prospects, but good rains in late August and September allowed farmers to plant short-season peanut varieties. Farmers also increased peanut production by replacing millet/sorghum crops that failed due to earlier dry weather.

* Sunflowerseed: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 19.4 million tons, up 0.2 million or 1 percent from last month and up less than 1 percent from last year. Significant changes from last month are the following:

  o USSR — Production is estimated at 5.3 million tons (as stated in the Soviet Plan Fulfillment Report, January 1987), up 0.7 million or 15 percent from last month and up 1 percent from last year. USDA attributes the increase to higher estimated yield.

- o **Argentina** — Production is estimated at 3.0 million tons, down 0.5 million or 14 percent from last month and down 27 percent from last year. The decrease is largely attributed to lower area. Farmers reduced planted area in response to low sunflowerseed prices that rapidly declined as last season's record crop was marketed.

* **Rapeseed:** World production for 1986/87 is estimated at a record 19.7 million tons, essentially unchanged from last month, but up 6 percent from last year.

* **Flaxseed:** World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 2.7 million tons, unchanged from last month, but up 16 percent from last year.

* **Copra:** World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 5.4 million tons, up 50,000 tons or less than 1 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year's record crop.

* **Palm Kernels:** World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 2.5 million tons, down 0.1 million or 4 percent from last month and down less than 1 percent from last year's record harvest.

* **Palm Oil:** World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 8.0 million tons, down 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month and 1 percent from last year's record. A significant change from last month is the following:

- o **Malaysia** — Production is estimated at 4.5 million tons, down 0.3 million or 6 percent from last month and last year's record crop. Average monthly yields continue to lag behind last year's levels. The low yields are attributed to "tree stress" following last year's high yields, limited fertilizer use, and unfavorable weather in early 1986. Improved yields are expected the last half of 1987.

COTTON: World production for 1986/87 is estimated at 68.9 million bales, up 0.1 million from last month, but down 13 percent from 1985/86. Foreign output is estimated at 59.1 million bales, up 0.1 million from last month, but down 10 percent from a year ago. U.S. production is estimated at 9.8 million bales, unchanged from last month. An important change from a month ago is the following:

o Pakistan — Production is estimated at last year's record level of 5.7 million bales, up 0.2 million or 3 percent from last month. Area is revised up from last year due to favorable support prices. Yields have increased over the last several years as a result of improved varieties, technology, and agronomic practices.

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This report draws on information from USDA's global network of agricultural attaches and counselors, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials, and results of office analysis. Estimates of U.S. acreage, yield, and production are from USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board, except where noted. All numbers in this report are based on unrounded data and detail may not add to totals because of rounding.

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World Crop Production Summary

Commodity	World	Total Foreign	North America: United States	North America: Canada	North America: Mexico	Europe: EC-12	Europe: Oth. W. Europe	Europe: Eastern Europe	USSR	Asia: China	Asia: India	Asia: Indonesia	Asia: Pakistan	Asia: Thailand	South America: Argentina	South America: Brazil	Selected Other Countries: Australia	Selected Other Countries: South Africa	Selected Other Countries: Turkey	All Other Countries
								---Million Metric Tons---												
Wheat																				
1984/85	511.5	440.9	70.6	21.2	4.2	82.9	4.5	42.1	68.6	87.8	45.5	.0	10.9	.0	13.2	1.9	18.7	2.2	13.3	23.9
1985/86 prel.	498.7	432.7	66.0	24.3	4.4	71.8	4.1	37.0	78.1	85.8	44.1	.0	11.7	.0	8.5	4.3	16.1	1.7	12.7	28.3
1986/87 proj.																				
January	522.5	465.7	56.8	31.9	4.5	71.6	4.3	39.8	87.0	88.5	47.0	.0	13.8	.0	9.2	5.3	17.5	2.1	14.0	29.3
February	527.9	471.1	56.8	31.9	4.5	71.6	4.3	39.8	92.3	88.5	47.0	.0	13.9	.0	9.0	5.3	17.5	2.3	14.0	29.3
Coarse Grains																				
1984/85	814.1	576.4	237.7	22.0	14.5	89.6	14.0	72.8	90.5	96.2	31.4	5.3	1.6	4.7	18.6	22.5	8.6	9.0	8.3	66.8
1985/86 prel.	844.1	569.2	274.9	25.0	14.7	88.3	13.2	68.4	100.0	82.3	26.1	4.6	1.6	5.5	17.1	20.7	7.8	8.9	8.1	77.1
1986/87 proj.																				
January	838.1	585.1	252.9	27.6	14.5	81.2	12.1	72.2	108.0	86.6	28.0	5.5	1.7	4.4	16.8	23.1	7.0	9.9	8.9	77.6
February	835.8	582.9	252.9	27.6	14.5	81.1	12.1	73.6	103.3	86.6	28.0	5.5	1.7	4.4	15.9	24.6	7.0	10.5	8.9	77.6
Rice (Milled)																				
1984/85	319.2	314.8	4.4	.0	0.2	1.1	.0	0.2	1.8	124.8	58.3	25.9	3.3	13.1	0.3	6.1	0.6	.0	0.2	78.8
1985/86 prel.	319.8	315.5	4.3	.0	0.4	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	117.9	64.2	26.5	2.9	13.0	0.3	6.8	0.5	.0	0.2	79.6
1986/87 proj.																				
January	318.4	314.1	4.3	.0	0.2	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	120.8	60.0	26.0	3.2	12.1	0.3	7.1	0.5	.0	0.2	80.5
February	318.4	314.0	4.3	.0	0.2	1.3	.0	0.2	1.7	120.8	60.0	26.0	3.2	12.1	0.3	7.1	0.4	.0	0.2	80.5
Total Grains 1/																				
1984/85	1,644.7	1,332.1	312.7	43.2	18.9	173.6	18.6	115.0	160.9 1/	308.8	135.3	31.2	15.8	17.9	32.0	30.5	27.9	11.2	21.8	169.5
1985/86 prel.	1,662.7	1,317.5	345.2	49.2	19.5	161.4	17.3	105.5	179.8 1/	286.1	134.3	31.1	16.3	18.5	25.9	31.8	24.4	10.5	21.0	185.0
1986/87 proj.																				
January	1,678.9	1,364.9	314.0	59.5	19.3	154.0	16.4	112.2	196.7 1/	295.8	135.0	31.5	18.7	16.5	26.3	35.5	25.0	12.1	23.1	187.4
February	1,682.1	1,368.0	314.0	59.5	19.3	154.0	16.4	113.5	197.3 1/	295.8	135.0	31.5	18.8	16.5	25.2	37.0	25.0	12.7	23.1	187.4
Oilseeds 2/																				
1984/85	191.0	131.8	59.2	5.2	1.1	6.3	0.5	4.8	10.0	31.1	14.7	1.5	2.3	0.5	11.3	20.4	0.9	0.6	1.8	18.9
1985/86 prel.	195.8	130.4	65.4	5.5	1.2	7.1	0.5	4.7	10.8	31.6	13.5	1.7	2.8	0.5	12.4	15.4	0.8	0.5	1.7	19.7
1986/87 proj.																				
January	195.2	133.9	61.3	6.0	0.9	8.0	0.5	5.6	9.9	30.3	14.1	1.8	2.8	0.6	12.3	17.8	0.7	0.7	2.0	20.0
February	195.9	134.6	61.3	6.0	0.9	8.0	0.5	5.6	10.6	30.3	14.1	1.8	2.8	0.5	11.8	18.1	0.7	0.7	2.0	20.1
								--Million 480-Pound Bales---												
Cotton																				
1984/85	88.1	75.2	13.0	.0	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.1	11.9	28.7	7.9	.0	4.6	0.1	0.8	4.4	1.1	0.2	2.7	10.5
1985/86 prel.	78.9	65.5	13.4	.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.1	12.1	19.0	8.4	.0	5.7	0.2	0.5	3.8	1.2	0.2	2.4	10.0
1986/87 proj.																				
January	68.8	59.0	9.8	.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.1	11.2	16.0	7.4	.0	5.5	0.1	0.5	3.4	0.9	0.3	2.2	9.7
February	68.9	59.1	9.8	.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.1	11.2	16.0	7.4	.0	5.7	0.1	0.5	3.4	0.9	0.3	2.2	9.7

1/ Includes total of wheat, coarse grains, and rice (milled) shown above. Estimates of Soviet total grain production, including wheat, coarse grains, rice (rough), minor grains, and pulses are 172.6 million tons in 1984/85, 191.7 million in 1985/86, and 210.1 million forecast in 1986/87.

2/ Totals for major regions and countries and other countries include the six major oilseeds shown elsewhere in this report, while world and total foreign also include copra and palm kernels for countries shown plus other countries.

Note: Entries of '.0' indicate no reported or insignificant production.

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Wheat Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	231.4	229.3	227.7	2.21	2.18	2.29	2.32	511.5	498.7	522.5	527.9
United States	27.1	26.2	24.6	2.61	2.52	2.31	2.31	70.6	66.0	56.8	56.8
Total Foreign	204.3	203.1	203.2	2.16	2.13	2.29	2.32	440.9	432.7	465.7	471.1
Maj. Foreign Exporters	47.4	46.0	46.1	2.87	2.62	2.82	2.82	136.0	120.6	130.1	129.9
Argentina	6.0	5.3	5.0	2.22	1.61	1.82	1.80	13.2	8.5	9.2	9.0
Australia	12.1	11.7	11.3	1.55	1.38	1.55	1.55	18.7	16.1	17.5	17.5
Canada	13.2	13.7	14.2	1.61	1.77	2.24	2.24	21.2	24.3	31.9	31.9
EC-12	16.2	15.3	15.6	5.13	4.70	4.59	4.59	82.9	71.8	71.6	71.6
Major Importers	98.0	98.1	97.9	2.12	2.17	2.33	2.39	207.4	213.1	228.7	234.0
Brazil	1.8	2.8	3.8	1.09	1.54	1.39	1.39	1.9	4.3	5.3	5.3
China	29.6	29.2	29.7	2.97	2.94	2.98	2.98	87.8	85.8	88.5	88.5
Eastern Europe	10.2	10.1	10.4	4.14	3.65	3.84	3.84	42.1	37.0	39.8	39.8
Egypt	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.70	3.76	3.57	3.57	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other N. Africa */	4.8	5.0	4.6	0.94	1.05	1.16	1.16	4.5	5.2	5.4	5.4
Japan	0.2	0.2	0.2	3.19	3.74	3.56	3.56	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9
USSR	51.1	50.3	48.7	1.34	1.55	1.79	1.90	68.6	78.1	87.0	92.3
Other Foreign	58.9	59.0	59.1	1.66	1.68	1.81	1.81	97.5	99.0	106.9	107.1
India	24.7	23.2	23.1	1.84	1.90	2.04	2.04	45.5	44.1	47.0	47.0
Iran	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.80	0.93	1.01	1.01	4.5	5.3	5.8	5.8
Mexico	1.0	1.1	1.1	4.42	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5
Non-EC W. Europe	0.9	0.9	1.0	4.92	4.53	4.52	4.52	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.3
Pakistan	7.3	7.4	7.4	1.49	1.58	1.86	1.89	10.9	11.7	13.8	13.9
South Africa	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.16	0.86	1.14	1.19	2.2	1.7	2.1	2.3
Turkey	8.6	8.6	8.7	1.55	1.48	1.61	1.61	13.3	12.7	14.0	14.0
Others	8.9	10.3	10.3	1.40	1.47	1.49	1.49	12.4	15.0	15.3	15.3

*/ Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.

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FOREIGN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES DIVISION, FAS, USDA

Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
TOTAL COARSE GRAINS 1/	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	335.5	338.9	335.1	2.43	2.49	2.50	2.49	814.1	844.1	838.1	835.8
United States	43.6	45.5	41.5	5.46	6.04	6.09	6.09	237.7	274.9	252.9	252.9
Total Foreign	291.9	293.4	293.6	1.97	1.94	1.99	1.99	576.4	569.2	585.1	582.9
Maj. Foreign Exporters	26.7	26.6	25.6	2.36	2.41	2.55	2.56	62.9	64.2	65.8	65.5
Argentina	6.1	5.7	5.2	3.02	3.01	3.09	3.04	18.6	17.1	16.8	15.9
Australia	5.5	5.2	4.6	1.58	1.49	1.53	1.53	8.6	7.8	7.0	7.0
Canada	8.0	8.3	8.4	2.74	3.02	3.29	3.29	22.0	25.0	27.6	27.6
South Africa	4.8	4.9	5.0	1.88	1.79	1.96	2.08	9.0	8.9	9.9	10.5
Thailand	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.11	2.23	1.92	1.92	4.7	5.5	4.4	4.4
Major Importers	110.0	109.1	108.3	2.57	2.62	2.67	2.64	283.0	286.0	289.4	286.0
Eastern Europe	18.8	18.5	18.7	3.87	3.69	3.87	3.94	72.8	68.4	72.2	73.6
EC-12	20.0	20.3	19.8	4.49	4.35	4.10	4.10	89.6	88.3	81.2	81.1
Other W. Europe	3.4	3.5	3.4	4.08	3.77	3.57	3.57	14.0	13.2	12.1	12.1
Mexico	8.0	7.8	7.7	1.82	1.88	1.88	1.88	14.5	14.7	14.5	14.5
USSR	59.2	58.5	58.3	1.53	1.71	1.85	1.77	90.5	100.0	108.0	103.3
Other Major Import. 2/	0.6	0.5	0.4	2.86	3.04	3.13	3.13	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4
Other Foreign	155.3	157.6	159.8	1.48	1.39	1.44	1.45	230.5	219.0	229.9	231.4
Brazil	12.4	12.7	13.6	1.82	1.63	1.76	1.81	22.5	20.7	23.1	24.6
China	29.2	27.0	27.9	3.30	3.05	3.10	3.10	96.2	82.3	86.6	86.6
India	39.3	39.1	39.5	0.80	0.67	0.71	0.71	31.4	26.1	28.0	28.0
Indonesia	3.1	2.2	3.3	1.71	2.05	1.67	1.67	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.5
Nigeria	8.4	8.6	8.7	1.03	1.06	1.07	1.07	8.7	9.1	9.3	9.3
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.10	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6
Turkey	4.1	4.2	4.2	2.03	1.94	2.12	2.12	8.3	8.1	8.9	8.9
Others	55.5	60.6	59.2	0.98	1.07	1.09	1.10	54.6	64.6	65.0	65.0
BARLEY											
World	80.0	80.7	79.8	2.18	2.19	2.30	2.26	174.4	176.8	183.7	180.1
United States	4.5	4.7	4.9	2.87	2.74	2.74	2.74	13.0	12.9	13.3	13.3
Total Foreign	75.5	76.0	74.9	2.14	2.16	2.27	2.23	161.4	164.0	170.4	166.8
Australia	3.5	3.3	2.3	1.58	1.49	1.52	1.52	5.6	4.9	3.5	3.5
Canada	4.6	4.8	5.0	2.25	2.61	3.03	3.03	10.3	12.4	15.0	15.0
China	3.8	3.5	3.3	1.94	1.81	1.83	1.83	7.3	6.2	6.1	6.1
Eastern Europe	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.02	3.72	3.78	3.78	17.1	16.5	17.1	17.1
EC-12	12.6	12.8	12.6	4.33	3.98	3.71	3.71	54.5	50.8	46.8	46.7
Other W. Europe	1.8	1.9	1.8	3.88	3.47	3.39	3.39	7.0	6.7	6.2	6.2
Turkey	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.00	1.87	2.03	2.03	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.3
USSR	30.4	29.1	29.9	1.37	1.60	1.84	1.72	41.8	46.5	55.0	51.5
Others	11.6	13.2	12.4	1.02	1.07	1.16	1.17	11.8	14.2	14.4	14.4

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Coarse Grains Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	Area			Yield				Production			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
CORN	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	128.2	129.1	130.0	3.58	3.73	3.68	3.68	458.8	481.3	475.1	478.2
United States	29.1	30.4	28.0	6.70	7.41	7.49	7.49	194.9	225.5	209.6	209.6
Total Foreign	99.1	98.7	102.0	2.66	2.59	2.62	2.63	263.9	255.8	265.4	268.5
Maj. Foreign Exporters	9.2	9.7	9.4	2.61	2.61	2.63	2.67	24.0	25.3	25.1	25.1
Argentina	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.43	3.46	3.53	3.48	11.5	12.1	12.0	11.5
South Africa	3.9	4.0	4.1	2.09	2.00	2.17	2.32	8.1	8.1	9.0	9.5
Thailand	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.23	2.40	2.05	2.05	4.4	5.2	4.1	4.1
Major Importers	21.8	22.3	21.9	3.86	3.87	3.95	4.02	84.1	86.4	86.4	87.9
Eastern Europe	7.4	7.3	7.6	4.78	4.58	4.95	5.09	35.4	33.5	37.3	38.7
EC-12	3.8	4.0	3.9	6.02	6.40	6.16	6.23	23.1	25.8	24.5	24.6
Other W. Europe	0.2	0.2	0.2	7.41	8.30	7.26	7.26	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.7
Mexico	6.3	6.2	6.0	1.57	1.69	1.67	1.67	9.9	10.5	10.0	10.0
USSR	3.9	4.5	4.0	3.47	3.21	3.10	3.13	13.6	14.4	12.4	12.5
Other Maj. Import. 2/	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.85	4.06	4.50	4.11	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Other Foreign	68.1	66.7	70.7	2.29	2.16	2.21	2.20	155.8	144.1	154.0	155.5
Brazil	12.0	12.3	13.2	1.83	1.63	1.77	1.82	22.0	20.0	22.5	24.0
Canada	1.2	1.2	1.1	5.89	6.24	6.15	6.15	7.0	7.5	6.7	6.7
China	18.5	17.7	19.2	3.96	3.61	3.73	3.60	73.4	63.8	69.0	69.0
Egypt	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.46	4.60	4.70	4.70	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.9
India	5.8	5.9	5.9	1.46	1.17	1.22	1.22	8.4	6.9	7.2	7.2
Indonesia	3.1	2.2	3.3	1.71	2.05	1.67	1.67	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.5
Philippines	3.3	3.3	3.3	1.04	1.07	1.10	1.10	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6
Zimbabwe	1.4	1.3	1.3	2.07	2.03	1.79	2.00	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
Others	21.9	22.1	22.7	1.35	1.43	1.45	1.46	29.6	31.5	33.0	33.1
SORGHUM											
World	44.5	46.6	44.9	1.48	1.51	1.46	1.46	66.1	70.6	66.0	65.5
United States	6.2	6.8	5.6	3.54	4.19	4.25	4.25	22.0	28.5	23.9	23.9
Total Foreign	38.3	39.8	39.3	1.15	1.06	1.07	1.06	44.1	42.1	42.0	41.6
Argentina	2.0	1.4	1.2	2.97	3.00	3.02	2.96	5.9	4.2	3.8	3.4
Australia	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.89	1.77	1.86	1.86	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.6
China	2.5	1.9	1.9	3.15	2.90	2.88	2.88	7.7	5.6	5.4	5.4
India	15.9	15.8	16.0	0.72	0.64	0.64	0.64	11.4	10.1	10.2	10.2
Mexico	1.3	1.3	1.4	3.15	2.85	2.96	2.96	4.1	3.7	4.0	4.0
Nigeria	3.2	3.3	3.3	1.14	1.15	1.15	1.15	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8
South Africa	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.88	1.41	1.94	1.94	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.7
Sudan	3.4	5.9	5.0	0.32	0.64	0.60	0.60	1.1	3.8	3.0	3.0
Thailand	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.32	1.04	1.01	1.01	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Others	8.6	8.9	9.1	0.91	1.00	1.01	1.01	7.8	8.9	9.2	9.2

1/ Total of barley, corn, sorghum shown below plus rye, oats, millet and mixed grain.
2/ Japan, Republic of Korea and Taiwan.

Rice Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions

Country/Region	Area			Yield				Production (Rough Basis)				Milling Rate				Production (Milled Basis)			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---				---In Percent---				---Million Metric Tons---			
World	144.4	144.2	144.4	3.25	3.26	3.24	3.24	468.9	470.2	467.8	467.8	68.07	68.02	68.06	68.06	319.2	319.8	318.4	318.4
United States	1.1	1.0	1.0	5.55	6.07	6.33	6.33	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.1	69.60	70.78	71.00	71.00	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
Total Foreign	143.3	143.2	143.4	3.23	3.24	3.22	3.22	462.6	464.1	461.7	461.7	68.05	67.98	68.02	68.02	314.8	315.5	314.1	314.0
Maj. Foreign Exporters	16.3	16.1	15.9	2.43	2.41	2.39	2.39	39.7	39.0	38.0	38.0	64.78	64.74	64.72	64.72	25.7	25.2	24.6	24.6
Burma	4.7	4.7	4.7	3.15	3.17	3.15	3.15	14.8	14.9	14.8	14.8	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
Pakistan	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.49	2.35	2.40	2.40	5.0	4.4	4.8	4.8	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.2
Thailand	9.6	9.6	9.2	2.07	2.06	2.00	2.00	19.9	19.7	18.4	18.4	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	13.1	13.0	12.1	12.1
Major Importers	12.7	12.9	12.9	4.02	4.07	3.98	3.98	51.2	52.4	51.5	51.5	68.32	68.36	68.32	68.32	35.0	35.8	35.2	35.2
EC-12	0.3	0.3	0.3	5.55	6.20	5.77	5.77	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.9	66.18	66.90	66.74	66.74	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
Indonesia	9.8	9.8	9.9	3.91	3.97	3.86	3.86	38.1	39.0	38.2	38.2	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	25.9	26.5	26.0	26.0
Nigeria	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.02	2.04	2.04	2.04	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	66.50	66.40	66.70	66.70	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Republic of Korea	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.47	6.35	6.37	6.37	8.0	7.9	7.9	7.9	71.29	71.62	71.23	71.23	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6
Other Maj. Import. */	0.8	0.8	0.7	2.66	2.66	2.66	2.66	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	65.55	65.50	65.57	65.57	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
Other Foreign	114.2	114.2	114.6	3.25	3.26	3.25	3.25	371.7	372.8	372.3	372.2	68.37	68.27	68.32	68.32	254.1	254.5	254.3	254.3
Australia	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.86	6.43	6.41	6.23	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	71.50	71.50	71.50	71.50	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Bangladesh	10.1	10.4	10.4	2.16	2.17	2.26	2.26	21.9	22.6	23.5	23.5	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	14.6	15.0	15.7	15.7
Brazil	5.0	5.8	6.0	1.80	1.72	1.75	1.75	9.0	10.0	10.5	10.5	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	6.1	6.8	7.1	7.1
China	33.2	32.1	32.3	5.37	5.25	5.34	5.34	178.3	168.5	172.5	172.5	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	124.8	117.9	120.8	120.8
India	41.2	40.9	41.0	2.13	2.35	2.20	2.20	87.5	96.2	90.0	90.0	66.66	66.66	66.66	66.66	58.3	64.2	60.0	60.0
Japan	2.3	2.3	2.3	6.41	6.22	6.31	6.31	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.5	72.80	72.80	72.80	72.80	10.8	10.6	10.6	10.6
Philippines	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.0	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	5.3	5.6	5.9	5.9
USSR	0.7	0.7	0.6	3.95	3.83	4.33	4.33	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Vietnam	5.7	5.7	5.8	2.70	2.63	2.70	2.70	15.4	15.0	15.5	15.5	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	10.0	9.8	10.1	10.1
Others	12.7	12.8	12.6	2.59	2.65	2.65	2.65	33.0	34.0	33.5	33.5	65.91	65.91	66.04	66.04	21.7	22.4	22.1	22.1

*/ Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, and Saudi Arabia.

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Country/Region	Area			Yield				Production			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
	---Million Hectares---			---Kilograms Per Hectare---				---Million 480-Pound Bales---			
World	33.9	31.7	29.9	565	543	502	502	88.1	78.9	68.8	68.9
United States	4.2	4.1	3.4	673	706	620	620	13.0	13.4	9.8	9.8
Total Foreign	29.7	27.5	26.4	550	518	486	487	75.2	65.5	59.0	59.1
Maj. Foreign Exporters	14.8	12.9	12.0	791	756	717	718	53.8	44.6	39.4	39.6
Australia	0.2	0.2	0.1	1361	1485	1333	1333	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.9
Central America 1/	0.2	0.2	0.1	760	686	575	575	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4
China	6.9	5.1	4.4	903	805	792	792	28.7	19.0	16.0	16.0
Egypt	0.4	0.5	0.4	965	959	919	919	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Mexico	0.3	0.2	0.2	844	981	980	980	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.7
Pakistan	2.2	2.4	2.4	451	525	513	523	4.6	5.7	5.5	5.7
Sudan	0.4	0.3	0.4	492	449	451	451	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Turkey	0.7	0.7	0.6	781	785	818	818	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.2
USSR	3.3	3.3	3.4	773	794	712	712	11.9	12.1	11.2	11.2
Major Importers 2/	0.3	0.3	0.3	715	799	770	770	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1
Other Foreign	14.6	14.4	14.1	303	299	285	283	20.4	19.7	18.5	18.4
Argentina	0.4	0.3	0.3	383	344	340	340	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Brazil	2.4	2.2	2.1	398	377	350	350	4.4	3.8	3.4	3.4
India	7.4	7.6	7.4	232	241	218	218	7.9	8.4	7.4	7.4
Syria	0.2	0.2	0.1	854	952	983	1044	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Others	4.1	4.1	4.1	343	334	339	336	6.5	6.3	6.4	6.4

1/ Nicaragua, Guatemala; El Salvador, Honduras, and Costa Rica.
2/ Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, and Taiwan.

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Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SOYBEANS											
World	53.83	51.94	52.24	1.73	1.86	1.89	1.89	93.04	96.53	98.62	98.86
United States	26.76	24.92	24.05	1.89	2.29	2.27	2.27	50.64	57.11	54.62	54.62
Total Foreign	27.07	27.02	28.19	1.57	1.46	1.56	1.57	42.39	39.42	43.99	44.24
Maj. Foreign Exporters	13.42	12.63	12.95	1.86	1.66	1.85	1.87	25.03	21.00	23.90	24.20
Argentina	3.27	3.35	3.65	2.06	2.18	2.11	2.11	6.75	7.30	7.70	7.70
Brazil	10.15	9.28	9.30	1.80	1.48	1.74	1.77	18.28	13.70	16.20	16.50
Other Foreign	13.65	14.39	15.24	1.27	1.28	1.31	1.32	17.36	18.42	20.09	20.04
Canada	0.42	0.43	0.41	2.26	2.47	2.44	2.44	0.94	1.05	0.99	0.99
China	7.29	7.72	8.24	1.33	1.36	1.34	1.34	9.70	10.50	11.00	11.00
Eastern Europe	0.51	0.52	0.50	1.50	1.12	1.48	1.48	0.77	0.58	0.75	0.75
India	1.24	1.30	1.35	0.77	0.75	0.81	0.81	0.96	0.98	1.10	1.10
Indonesia	0.84	0.91	1.00	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.82	0.89	0.98	0.98
Mexico	0.35	0.37	0.32	1.57	2.03	1.88	1.88	0.55	0.75	0.60	0.60
Paraguay	0.55	0.55	0.53	1.73	1.09	1.53	1.60	0.95	0.60	0.90	0.85
USSR	0.77	0.74	0.77	0.61	0.62	0.65	0.65	0.47	0.46	0.50	0.50
Others	1.69	1.86	2.13	1.31	1.40	1.54	1.54	2.22	2.61	3.28	3.28
COTTONSEED											
World	33.93	32.00	29.87	1.00	0.95	0.89	0.90	33.89	30.46	26.73	26.75
United States	4.20	4.14	3.44	1.11	1.16	1.02	1.02	4.67	4.79	3.50	3.50
Total Foreign	29.73	27.86	26.44	0.98	0.92	0.88	0.88	29.22	25.67	23.23	23.25
China	6.92	5.14	4.40	1.54	1.37	1.35	1.35	10.64	7.05	5.92	5.92
India	7.44	7.90	7.40	0.46	0.46	0.43	0.43	3.45	3.65	3.22	3.22
Pakistan	2.24	2.37	2.38	0.90	1.04	1.03	1.05	2.01	2.47	2.41	2.48
USSR	3.35	3.32	3.42	1.42	1.45	1.31	1.31	4.74	4.82	4.48	4.48
Others	9.79	9.14	8.84	0.86	0.84	0.81	0.81	8.38	7.68	7.20	7.15
PEANUTS											
World	17.74	18.27	19.10	1.11	1.12	1.07	1.08	19.74	20.54	20.30	20.55
United States	0.62	0.59	0.62	3.22	3.15	2.70	2.70	2.00	1.87	1.68	1.68
Total Foreign	17.12	17.68	18.48	1.04	1.06	1.01	1.02	17.74	18.67	18.62	18.87
Brazil	0.19	0.16	0.16	1.77	1.38	1.56	1.56	0.34	0.22	0.25	0.25
China	2.42	3.32	3.33	1.99	2.01	1.77	1.77	4.82	6.66	5.90	5.90
India	7.17	7.31	7.50	0.90	0.76	0.79	0.79	6.44	5.55	5.90	5.90
Senegal	0.87	0.61	0.83	0.64	0.97	0.63	0.85	0.56	0.59	0.50	0.70
South Africa	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.85	0.50	0.90	0.90	0.20	0.11	0.23	0.23
Sudan	0.74	0.48	0.55	0.53	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.39	0.35	0.40	0.40
Others	5.50	5.59	5.86	0.91	0.93	0.94	0.94	5.01	5.20	5.45	5.49

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Oilseeds Area, Yield, and Production: World and Selected Countries and Regions (Continued)

Country/Region	---Area---			---Yield---				---Production---			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986/87 Proj.			Prel.	1986/87 Proj.	
	1984/85	1985/86	1986/87	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.	1984/85	1985/86	Jan.	Feb.
	---Million Hectares---			---Metric Tons Per Hectare---				---Million Metric Tons---			
SUNFLOWERSEED											
World	14.33	15.55	14.38	1.25	1.24	1.30	1.35	17.96	19.31	19.20	19.41
United States	1.49	1.15	0.79	1.14	1.24	1.53	1.53	1.70	1.43	1.21	1.21
Total Foreign	12.84	14.40	13.58	1.27	1.24	1.29	1.34	16.27	17.88	17.99	18.19
Argentina	2.35	3.14	2.40	1.45	1.31	1.27	1.25	3.40	4.10	3.50	3.00
China	1.01	1.47	1.05	1.68	1.18	1.62	1.62	1.70	1.73	1.70	1.70
EC-12	1.65	1.90	2.01	1.40	1.42	1.51	1.51	2.30	2.70	3.04	3.04
East Europe	1.16	1.21	1.36	1.82	1.67	1.91	1.91	2.11	2.03	2.60	2.60
USSR	3.91	4.05	3.95	1.16	1.29	1.16	1.34	4.53	5.23	4.60	5.30
Others	2.76	2.62	2.81	0.81	0.80	0.91	0.91	2.23	2.09	2.55	2.55
RAPESEED											
World	13.49	14.42	15.08	1.26	1.29	1.31	1.31	16.95	18.53	19.68	19.68
Total Foreign	13.49	14.42	15.08	1.26	1.29	1.31	1.31	16.95	18.53	19.68	19.68
Canada	3.09	2.80	2.78	1.11	1.25	1.40	1.40	3.43	3.51	3.89	3.89
China	3.41	4.49	4.94	1.23	1.25	1.18	1.18	4.21	5.61	5.81	5.81
EC-12	1.17	1.28	1.28	2.93	2.85	2.83	2.83	3.43	3.63	3.62	3.62
East Europe	0.81	0.90	0.93	2.22	2.19	2.34	2.34	1.79	1.98	2.18	2.18
India	3.99	3.80	4.00	0.77	0.69	0.75	0.75	3.07	2.64	3.00	3.00
Others	1.02	1.14	1.15	1.00	1.02	1.03	1.03	1.02	1.17	1.18	1.18
FLAXSEED											
World	4.49	4.53	4.57	0.52	0.52	0.60	0.60	2.31	2.37	2.73	2.73
United States	0.22	0.24	0.28	0.82	0.89	1.06	1.06	0.18	0.21	0.29	0.29
Total Foreign	4.27	4.29	4.30	0.50	0.50	0.57	0.57	2.14	2.16	2.44	2.44
Argentina	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.86	0.64	0.73	0.73	0.63	0.48	0.55	0.55
Canada	0.72	0.74	0.81	0.96	1.22	1.33	1.33	0.69	0.90	1.07	1.07
India	1.40	1.40	1.40	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.29	0.39	0.37	0.40	0.40
USSR	1.16	1.10	1.06	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.25	0.20	0.24	0.24
Others	0.26	0.30	0.28	0.68	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.19
MAJOR OILSEEDS TOTAL	137.81	136.71	135.23	1.33	1.37	1.38	1.39	183.90	187.73	187.26	187.98
COPRA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.80	5.50	5.31	5.36
PALM KERNEL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.26	2.55	2.63	2.53
TOTAL OILSEEDS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	190.96	195.78	195.20	195.87
PALM OIL *	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.95	8.13	8.25	8.02

* Not included in total oilseeds.

NOTE: The table below presents a 5-year record of the differences between the February projections and the final estimates. Using world wheat production as an example, changes between the February projections and the final estimates have averaged 3.8 million tons (0.8 percent) ranging from 0.1 to 7.3 million tons. The February projection has been below the final estimate 3 times and above 2 times.

RELIABILITY OF FEBRUARY PRODUCTION PROJECTIONS

COMMODITY AND REGION	DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROJECTION AND FINAL ESTIMATE, 1981/82-85/86 1/					
	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	SMALLEST	LARGEST	BELOW FINAL	ABOVE FINAL
	PERCENT	----MILLION METRIC TONS----			NUMBER OF YEARS 2/	
WHEAT						
WORLD	0.8	3.8	0.1	7.3	3	2
U.S.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	1
FOREIGN	1.0	3.8	0.1	7.3	3	2
COARSE GRAINS 3/						
WORLD	0.7	5.3	2.6	11.1	3	2
U.S.	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.3	2	1
FOREIGN	1.0	5.6	3.7	11.0	3	2
RICE (MILLED)						
WORLD	2.3	6.9	1.9	13.0	5	0
U.S.	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0	1
FOREIGN	2.3	6.9	1.9	13.0	5	0
SOYBEANS						
WORLD	2.0	1.8	0.8	2.3	3	2
U.S.	1.2	0.6	0.0	1.3	1	3
FOREIGN	3.6	1.3	0.5	2.2	4	1
		----MILLION 480-LB. BALES----				
COTTON						
WORLD	2.1	1.8	0.2	5.4	2	3
U.S.	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	1	3
FOREIGN	2.6	1.8	0.2	5.7	2	3
UNITED STATES		----MILLION BUSHELS----				
==========						
CORN	0.2	9	0	38	1	1
SORGHUM	0.2	1	0	4	0	1
BARLEY	0.5	3	0	11	1	1
OATS	0.1	0	0	2	1	0

1/ The final estimate for 1981/82-1985/86 is defined as the first November estimate following the marketing year.
2/ May not total 5 if projection was the same as the final estimate. 3/ Includes corn, sorghum, barley, oats, rye, millet and mixed grain.

FEBRUARY 1987 FOREIGN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES DIVISION, FAS, USDA

U.S. Crop Acreage, Yield and Production 1/

Commodity	--Harvested Area--			--Yield--				--Production--			
		Prel.	Proj.		Prel.	1986 Proj.			Prel.	1986 Proj.	
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	Jan.	Feb.	1984	1985	Jan.	Feb.
	--Million Acres--			--Bushels per Acre--				--Million Bushels--			
All Wheat	66.9	64.7	60.7	38.8	37.5	34.4	34.4	2,595	2,425	2,087	2,087
Winter	51.5	48.0	43.2	40.0	38.1	35.2	35.2	2,060	1,828	1,519	1,519
Other	15.4	16.8	17.5	34.7	35.6	32.4	32.4	535	597	568	568
Rye	1.0	0.7	0.7	33.1	28.8	28.8	28.8	32	21	19	19
Soybeans	66.1	61.6	59.4	28.1	34.1	33.8	33.8	1,861	2,099	2,007	2,007
Corn	71.9	75.2	69.2	106.7	118.0	119.3	119.3	7,674	8,877	8,253	8,253
Sorghum	15.4	16.8	13.9	56.4	66.8	67.7	67.7	866	1,120	942	942
Barley	11.2	11.6	12.0	53.4	51.0	50.8	50.8	599	591	610	610
Oats	8.2	8.2	6.9	58.0	63.7	56.0	56.0	474	521	385	385
	--Million Hectares--			--Metric Tons per Hectare--				--Millions of Metric Tons--			
Total Feedgrains	43.2	45.2	41.3	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	236.9	274.4	252.4	252.4
	--Million Acres--			--Pounds per Acre--				---Million CWT.---			
Rice	2.8	2.5	2.4	4,954	5,414	5,648	5,648	138.8	134.9	134.4	134.4
								---Million 480-Pound---			
All Cotton	10.4	10.2	8.5	600	630	553	553	13.0	13.4	9.8	9.8

U.S. Planted Area of Major Crops

Year	Wheat					Feedgrains						All Cotton	Total Maj. Crops
	Winter	Other	Total	Rye	Rice	Corn	Sorghum	Barley	Oats	Total	Soybeans		
	--Million Acres--												
1984	63.4	15.8	79.2	3.0	2.8	80.5	17.3	12.0	12.4	122.2	67.8	11.1	286.1
1985 prel.	57.8	17.8	75.6	2.6	2.5	83.4	18.3	13.2	13.3	128.1	63.1	10.7	282.6
1986 proj.													
January	53.9	18.1	72.0	2.4	2.4	76.7	15.3	13.1	14.7	119.8	61.5	10.1	268.1
February	53.9	18.1	72.0	2.4	2.4	76.7	15.3	13.1	14.7	119.8	61.5	10.1	268.1

1/ Estimates from USDA Agricultural Statistics Board.

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FOREIGN COTTON HARVESTED AREA INDICATIONS FOR 1987/88

Information in this article is based on field reports received in early January 1987. Actual area could vary from these estimates for a number of reasons, including government policy, weather during the crop season, and price changes for cotton and competing crops. The first official USDA forecast of total foreign harvested area will be issued in May.

In view of the more favorable price outlook for world cotton coupled with continued strong demand, early indications for 1987/88 point to a foreign harvested area in the range of 26.5 to 28 million hectares, compared to 26.4 million hectares in 1986/87. Among major producers, there is considerable uncertainty surrounding China's planting intentions. Although the State Council recently called for expansion in cotton production, price levels currently established for the 1987/88 cotton crop are reportedly less attractive than prices for cash crops and grains. Moreover, the procurement price was increased only for southern growing areas and not for the larger producers in the north. Recent policy decisions, however, do provide subsidized fertilizer to all farmers who will sign cotton contracts with price according to grade. Last season, farmers complained of undergrading.

In the Soviet Union, cotton area should be in line with the level of the past several years. A slight decrease could occur if actual phase-out procedures commence in Kirgizia.

In Mexico, improved price prospects are likely to result in increased cotton plantings. However, plantings are unlikely to return to levels of the late seventies due to slugglish demand for textiles and some shift by farmers in the northwest from cotton to fruits and vegetables. Planting decisions remain uncertain in many Central American countries. They will be greatly influenced by political considerations and foreign exchange earnings. Rising input costs could limit plantings.

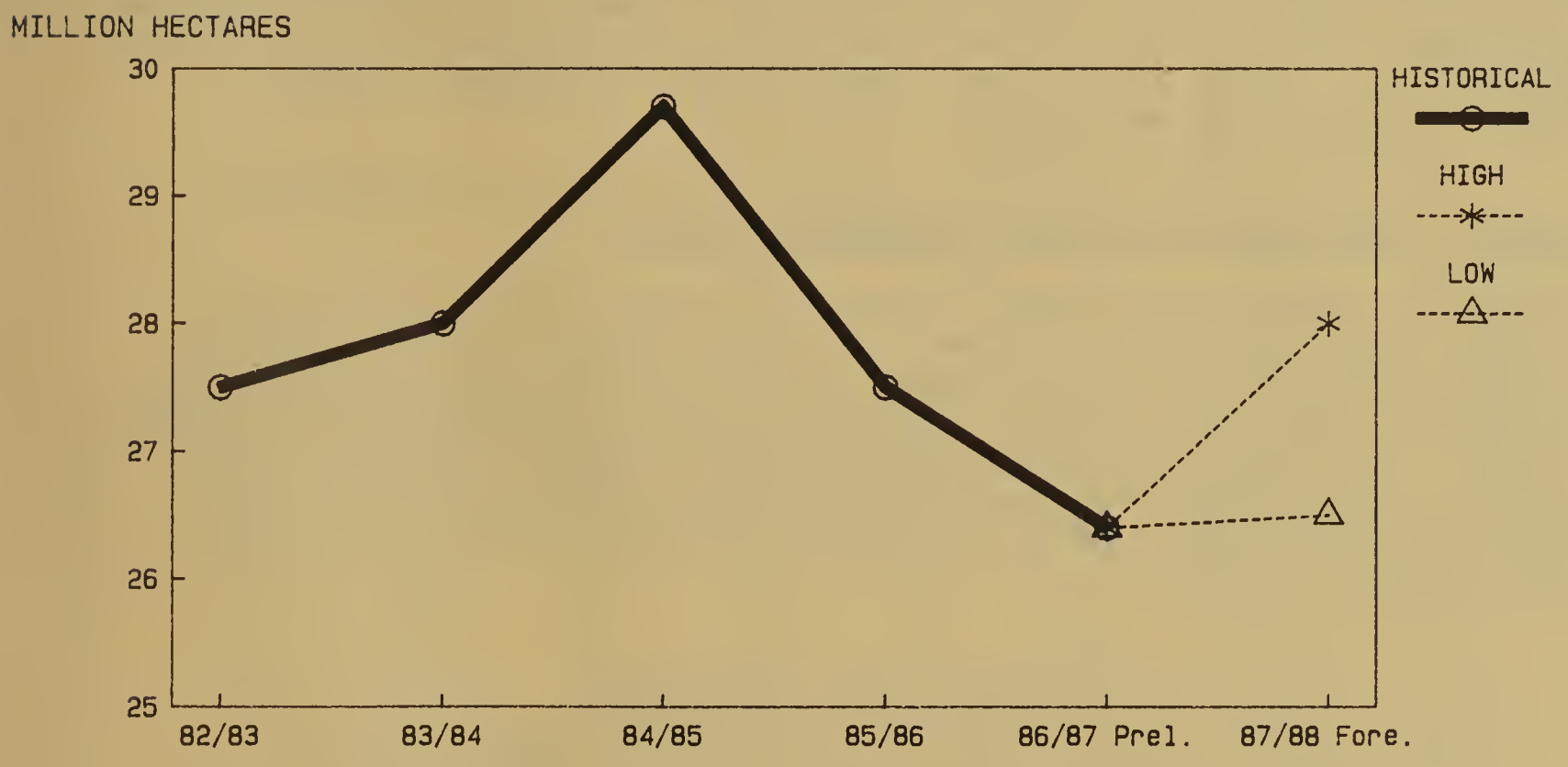
In South America, plantings are likely to increase. A return to a more normal cotton area is expected in both Argentina and Paraguay. During the 1986/87 season, unfavorable weather was largely responsible for reduced plantings in Argentina, while unfavorable cotton prices resulted in reduced plantings in Paraguay. In Brazil, increased cotton plantings in the south will compensate for decreased plantings in the northeast which has been plagued by the boll weevil. Cotton prices at planting are expected to be competitive with food crops.

In Asia/Oceania, excluding China, an increase in planted area is anticipated. Plantings in Pakistan should be in line with the level of the past several years. Recent yield increases are expected to be maintained as a result of continued use of certified seed coupled with better agronomic practices. Favorable cotton prices should result in increased plantings in India. Improved market conditions in Turkey will likely encourage farmers to increase cotton plantings. In Australia, more favorable cotton prices are expected to result in increased plantings.

A slight increase in planted area is forecast for Africa. Area is expected to return to more normal levels in Sudan. There is a good possibility that area could increase in Zimbabwe as the government continues to push for expanded output of cash crops. Cotton is Zimbabwe's second largest agricultural export earner after tobacco. Elsewhere in Africa, no overall change in planted area is anticipated as governments continue to emphasize food crops.

Little overall change is anticipated for Europe. In Greece, the largest producer in the European Community, support prices should continue to maintain area at current levels.

FOREIGN: COTTON AREA



PAKISTAN: COTTON EXPANSION FUNDED BY ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Pakistan will receive a $66 million loan, repayable over 40 years, from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve cotton yields. According to the ADB, Pakistan's yields are lower than the world average by about 16 percent and lower than yields in developed countries by about 40-percent. The money is to be used to provide farmers with fertilizers, pesticides, and to modernize cotton gins. A cotton standards institute will establish an internally acceptable grading system for Pakistani cotton.

BRAZIL: 1986/87 COTTON CROP BENEFITTING FROM FAVORABLE WEATHER

Crop conditions in the central south are considered favorable due to recent rains. Flowering is expected within 2 or 3 weeks. The northeast cotton harvest was completed in December and quality is reported good despite boll weevil problems.

ARGENTINA: 1986/87 COTTON CROP PLAGUED BY WET WEATHER

Argentine cotton planting for 1986/87 has been affected by wet weather, particularly in Chaco, the largest producing province. Sowings reportedly were still taking place as late as mid-January. Planting is usually completed in December. Given normal weather, the cotton harvest begins in February and ends by July. However, last year's harvest ended in December because of similar problems with wet weather.

BRAZIL: LARGE INCREASE IN GRAIN PRODUCTION EXPECTED

Following a record-setting 1986/87 wheat crop, Brazil also is expected to produce record harvests of corn and rice. Total 1986/87 grain production is forecast up 16 percent from last year. Wheat production is estimated nearly one-quarter higher than last year and over 175 percent larger than the 1984/85 harvest. Corn production is expected to be up 20 percent, rebounding from last year's drought-reduced level. Rice production is expected to rise 5 percent from last year. The record-setting grain harvests are mainly due to a sharp expansion in area.

BRAZIL: GRAIN PRODUCTION

YEAR	WHEAT	CORN	MILLED RICE	TOTAL GRAINS
	million metric tons			
1980/81	2.7	22.6	5.9	31.5
1981/82	2.2	22.9	6.2	31.8
1982/83	1.8	19.9	5.3	27.1
1983/84	2.1	21.5	6.1	29.8
1984/85	1.9	22.5	6.1	30.5
1985/86	4.3	20.0	6.8	31.8
1986/87	5.3	24.0	7.1	37.0

Total grains include those shown plus barley, oats, sorghum, and rye.

ARGENTINA: SHIFTS IN CROPLAND AREA

Grain Area Falls to 7 Year Low

Total grain harvested area during the 1986/87 season is estimated at the lowest level since 1979/80. Total harvested grain area peaked at a record 13.75 million hectares in 1982/83 and has subsequently fallen by one-quarter (3.4 million hectares) to a total of 10.4 million hectares estimated for the 1986/87 season. The drop in total grain area since 1982/83 primarily is due to a precipitous decline in wheat and sorghum area. Since the 1982/83 season, wheat harvested area has fallen an estimated 32 percent and sorghum area 54 percent. Much of this area has been moved into oilseed production because of a relative price advantage of oilseeds over grains.

Oilseed Area Declines for First Time in 6 Years

Oilseed area is expected to fall slightly in 1986/87, the first time since the 1980/81 harvest. Since 1980/81, oilseed area increased more than three-quarters (3.5 million hectares), peaking in 1985/86 at a record 7.7 million hectares. Rapid growth has been registered for soybeans and sunflowerseed. Soybean harvested area, for example, has more than doubled from 1980/81 to the 1986/87 season. Similarly, sunflowerseed harvested area increased nearly 150 percent from 1980/81 to 1985/86 before declining 24 percent in 1986/87.

ARGENTINA: MAJOR CROP HARVESTED AREA

(GRAINS AND OILSEEDS)

ARGENTINA: GRAIN HARVESTED AREA, BY TYPE OF GRAIN

YEAR	WHEAT	CORN	SORGHUM	TOTAL GRAINS
	----------Million Hectares----------			
1979/80	4.79	2.49	1.28	9.70
1980/81	5.02	3.39	2.10	11.52
1981/82	5.93	3.17	2.51	12.43
1982/83	7.32	2.97	2.52	13.75
1983/84	6.88	3.03	2.37	13.18
1984/85	5.95	3.35	1.99	12.21
1985/86	5.27	3.50	1.40	11.10
1986/87	5.00	3.30	1.15	10.37

Total grains include types shown plus barley, millet, oats and rye.

ARGENTINA: OILSEED HARVESTED AREA, BY TYPE OF OILSEED

YEAR	SOYBEANS	SUNFLOWERSEED	FLAXSEED	TOTAL OILSEEDS
	----------Million Hectares----------			
1979/80	2.03	1.86	0.98	5.71
1980/81	1.74	1.28	0.73	4.24
1981/82	1.97	1.67	0.74	4.96
1982/83	2.28	1.90	0.86	5.53
1983/84	2.91	1.99	0.77	6.29
1984/85	3.27	2.35	0.73	6.94
1985/86	3.35	3.14	0.75	7.73
1986/87	3.65	2.40	0.75	7.31

Total oilseeds include types shown plus cottonseed and peanuts.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

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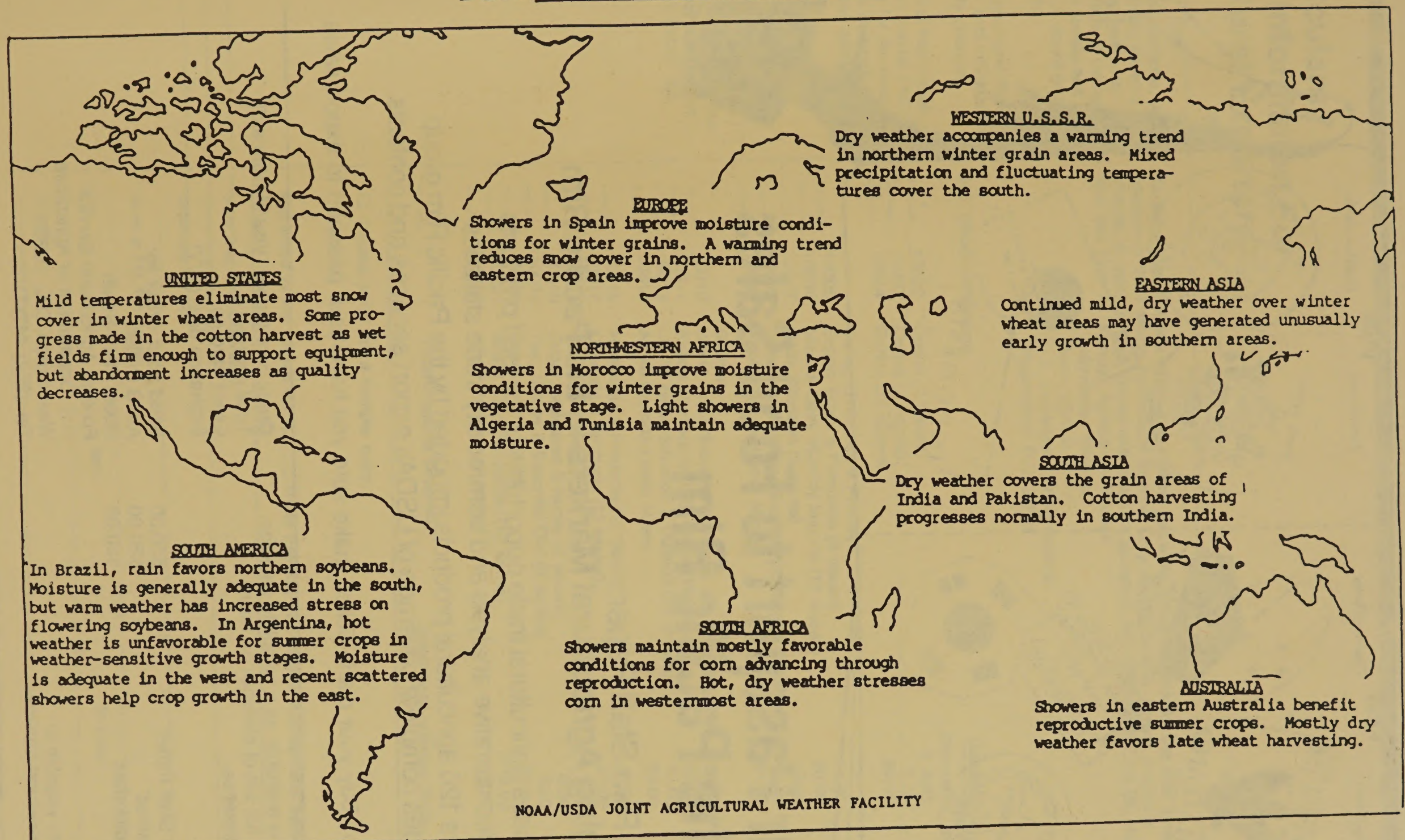

UNITED STATES

Mild temperatures eliminate most snow cover in winter wheat areas. Some progress made in the cotton harvest as wet fields firm enough to support equipment, but abandonment increases as quality decreases.

SOUTH AMERICA

In Brazil, rain favors northern soybeans. Moisture is generally adequate in the south, but warm weather has increased stress on flowering soybeans. In Argentina, hot weather is unfavorable for summer crops in weather-sensitive growth stages. Moisture is adequate in the west and recent scattered showers help crop growth in the east.

EUROPE

Showers in Spain improve moisture conditions for winter grains. A warming trend reduces snow cover in northern and eastern crop areas.

NORTHWESTERN AFRICA

Showers in Morocco improve moisture conditions for winter grains in the vegetative stage. Light showers in Algeria and Tunisia maintain adequate moisture.

SOUTH AFRICA

Showers maintain mostly favorable conditions for corn advancing through reproduction. Hot, dry weather stresses corn in westernmost areas.

WESTERN U.S.S.R.

Dry weather accompanies a warming trend in northern winter grain areas. Mixed precipitation and fluctuating temperatures cover the south.

EASTERN ASIA

Continued mild, dry weather over winter wheat areas may have generated unusually early growth in southern areas.

SOUTH ASIA

Dry weather covers the grain areas of India and Pakistan. Cotton harvesting progresses normally in southern India.

AUSTRALIA

Showers in eastern Australia benefit reproductive summer crops. Mostly dry weather favors late wheat harvesting.

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